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CAN
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THE HEDGEHOG
SURVIVE THE THREAT
DESIGNED BY THOSE
WHO KNOW HIM
BEST?

SYSTEM REBOOT

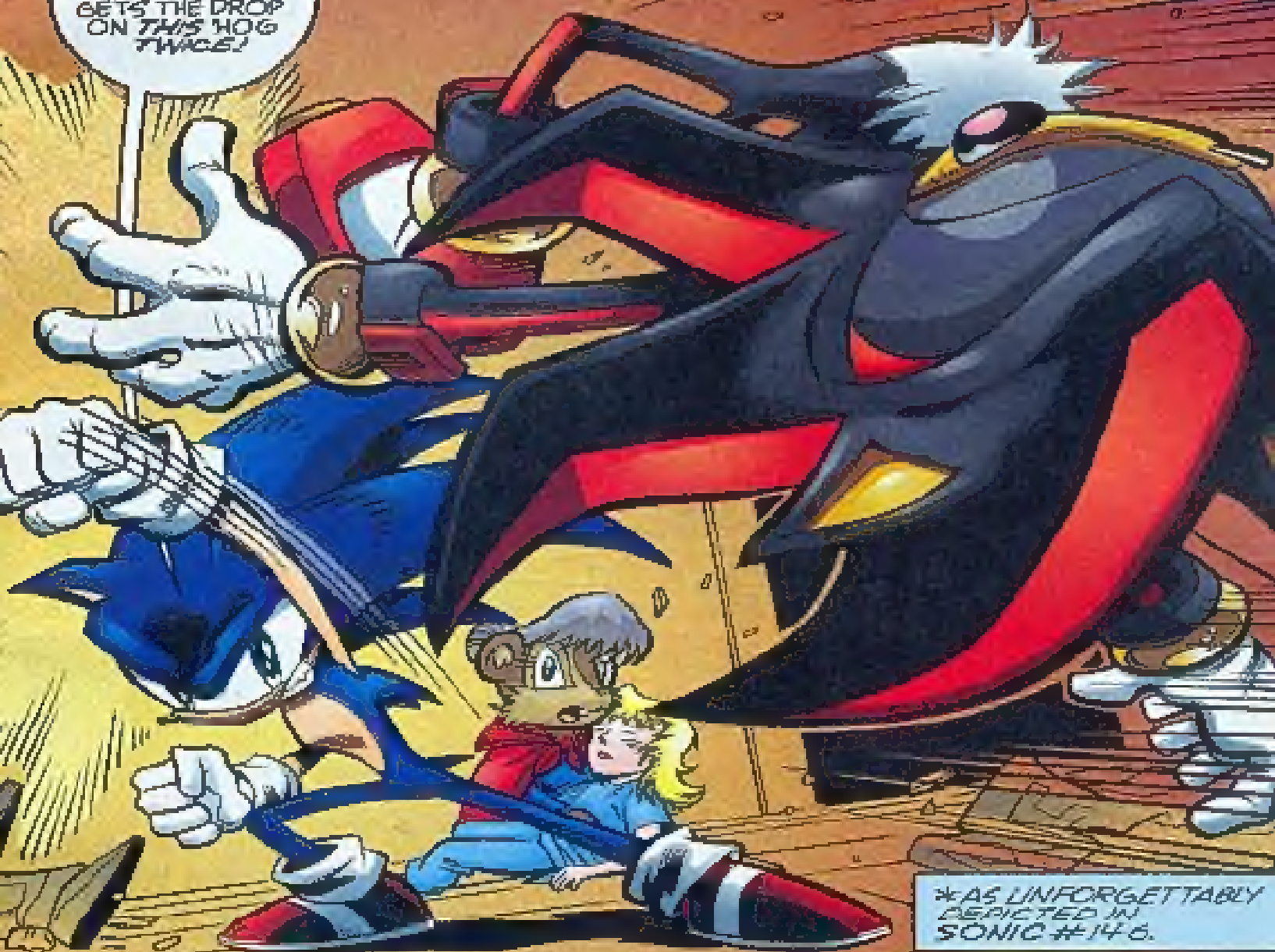
IF YOU MISSED OUR LAST TWO
ISSUES, JUST BUCKLE UP FOR
THE ACTION AND WE'LL EXPLAIN
AS WE GO ALONG!

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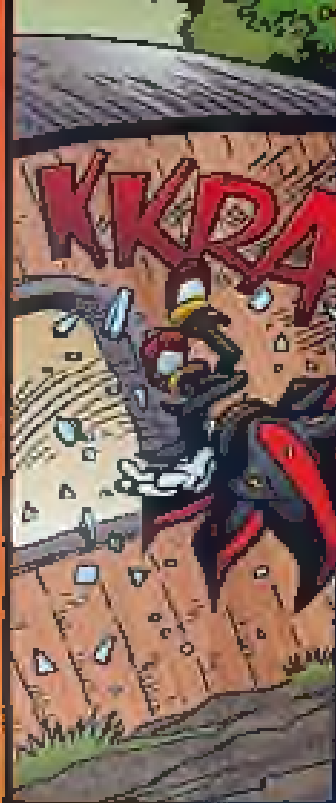
SPECIAL THANKS
TO ROBERT LEFFLER
AND DYNA LOPEZ
AT SEGA LICENSING

YOU GOT
YOUR LICKS IN
LAST TIME--*
BUT NOBODY
GETS THE DROP
ON THIS HOG
TWICE!



*AS UNFORGETTABLY
DEPICTED IN
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READY TO
CALL IT A
DAY?



I HAVEN'T
EVEN
STARTED,
HEDGEHOG!

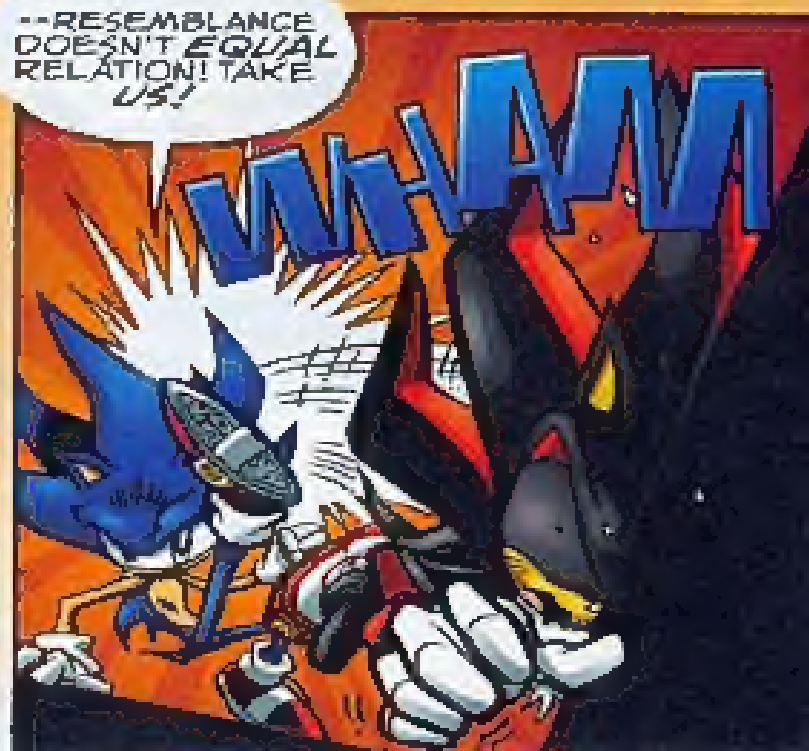
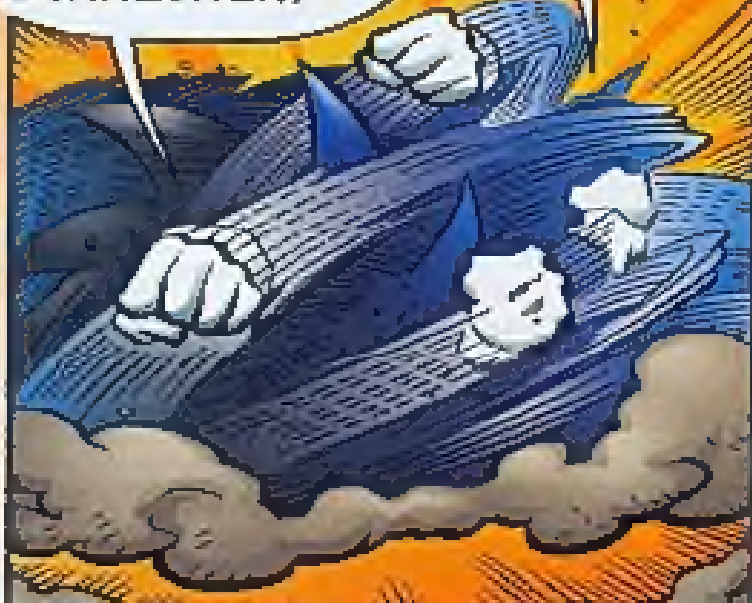


IN CASE
YOU HADN'T
NOTICED PAL
--I'M NOT ONE
OF THE SHINY
METALLIC
MODELS
TRASHING
EVERYTHING
IN SIGHT!

THEN HOW ELSE
TO EXPLAIN THEIR
VERY LIKENESS OF
YOU--WHICH IMPLIES
AT LEAST SOME
CONNECTION!

YEAH,
WELL--

--RESEMBLANCE
DOESN'T EQUAL
RELATION! TAKE
US!





WHAT ABOUT US?
I FAIL TO SEE ANY
RELATION!



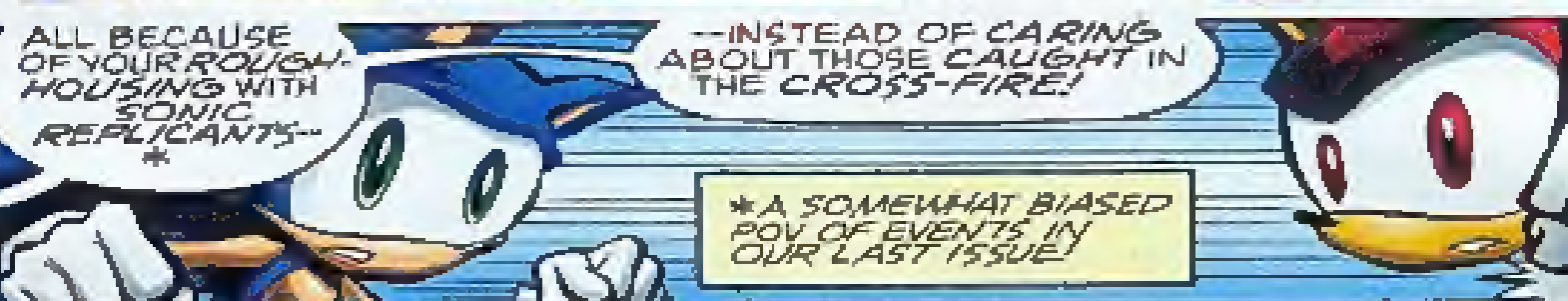
NO SURPRISE THERE!
HARD TO BEAT AN
ORIGINAL WITH A
SHADOW-COME-
LATELY!

THAT'S
ENOUGH!



IN CASE YOU TWO FOOLS
HADN'T NOTICED, THERE'S A
LITTLE GIRL HERE
LYING INJURED--

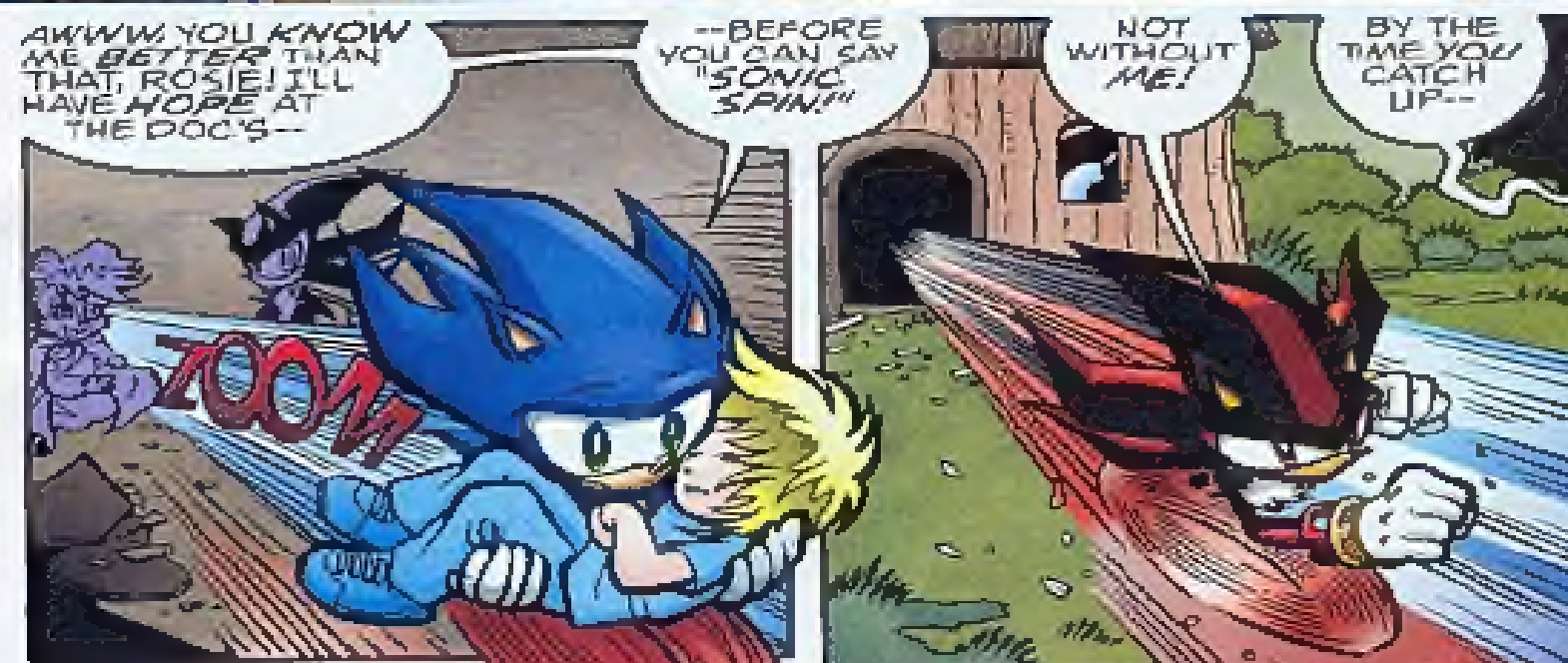
*AND MOST
CERTAINLY
IN NEED
OF MEDICAL
ATTENTION!



ALL BECAUSE
OF YOUR ROUGH-
HOUSING WITH
SONIC
REPLICANTS--
*

--INSTEAD OF CARING
ABOUT THOSE CAUGHT IN
THE CROSS-FIRE!

*A SOMEWHAT BIASED
POV OF EVENTS IN
OUR LAST ISSUE!



AWWW, YOU KNOW
ME BETTER THAN
THAT, ROSIE! I'LL
HAVE HOPE AT
THE DOC'S--

--BEFORE
YOU CAN SAY
"SONIC
SPIN!"

NOT
WITHOUT
ME!

BY THE
TIME YOU
CATCH
UP--

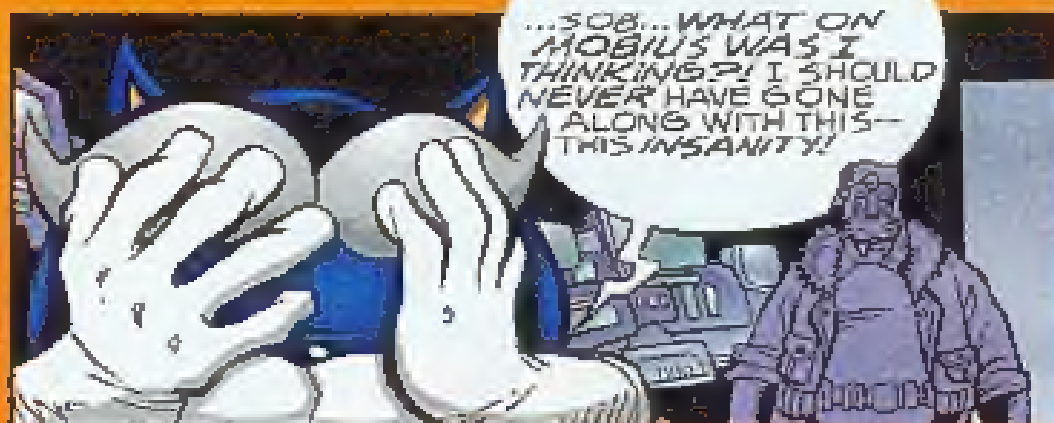
"--SHE'LL BE WITH
DCC AT THE CASTLE!"

OUTER SHELL
CONSTRUCTED OF A
SPECIAL IRON-
TITANIUM ALLOY!
ITS HARDWARE WOULD
BE STATE-OF-THE-ART
WERE IT NOT FOR THE
NANITES! EXACTLY
ONE HUNDRED
WERE BUILT TO
PROTECT THE
KINGDOM!

SO NATURALLY,
WE DESIGNED
THE METAL SONIC
TROOPERS IN
THE IMAGE OF
OUR GREATEST
WARRIOR--
WHOM WE
BELIEVED HAD
FALLEN IN THE
LINE OF DUTY!*



* SIR CHARLES
IS REFERRING
TO EVENTS
DEPICTED
IN SONIC
#125



...SOB...WHAT ON
MOBIUS WAS I
THINKING?! I SHOULD
NEVER HAVE GONE
ALONG WITH THIS--
THIS INSANITY!

IT WASN'T YOUR IDEA
INITIALLY, SIR! YOU HAVE
NOTHING AT ALL TO
BE ASHAMED OF!



BUT WE
CREATED THEM
--AND NOW WE
HAVE TO
DEFEND
AGAINST
THEM!

IF I'VE
LEARNED
ANYTHING
AT ALL FROM
YOU--



"--IT'S NOT THE INVENTION
THAT CAUSES THE PROBLEM,
BUT THE PURPOSE FOR
WHICH THE OPERATOR
UTILIZES IT."

LOOK AT THEM!!!
THE MOST FEARSOME
DESTRUCTIVE FORCE YET
UNLEASHED ON THE
PLANET--

--AND I HAD
NOTHING TO DO
WITH IT!

HOW
CAN THIS
BE?

YET THEY DESTROYED MY COMMAND
CENTER--AND WHATEVER SOURCE
ACTIVATED THEM ALSO COMPROM-
ISED MY SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS!!

*LAST ISSUE
**SONIC # 157

NOW THEY'RE
INVADING KNOT-
HOLE--WREAKING
HAVOC ON MY
MOST HATED
OF ENEMIES!

ASTOUNDING!

SUCH OVRREGARD
FOR LIFE, LIMB, AND
PROPERTY! WHAT
SUPREME
IRONY--

--THAT I, WHO
MADE ALL OTHERS
TREMBLE, SHOULD
NOW BE REDUCED
TO THEIR LEVEL--

"--DEPENDENT
UPON THAT
BLASTED HEDGE-
HOG TO SAVE THE
DAY..."

I WAS CREATED
FOR A PURPOSE
STILL UNKNOWN
TO ME!

WHAT I DO
KNOW IS THERE
HAVE BEEN ONLY
TWO SENTIENTS
WHO HAVE EVER
EXPRESSED
COMPASSION
FOR ME!

I FAILED
LONG AGO
TO SAVE
MARIA---

*AS SADLY
RECORDED IN
SONIC # 98.

--BUT SURELY
THERE IS
SOMETHING
I CAN DO
TO SAVE
HOPE!!!

HEY!!!

THOUGH I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
ENABLES
ME TO
CREATE THE
PORTAL--

"--AT THIS
MOMENT THAT IS
THE LEAST OF MY
CONCERNS!"

...CHAOS
CONTROL!?!

BTOM

MEANWHILE, BACK
AT CASTLE ACORN--
FIVE MINUTES
AGO...

ANY SIGN OF
THE INVADERS,
COMMANDER
D'COULETTE?

EVERYONE
TO THEIR
STATIONS,
MATES!

NOT YET, SIRE!
CONSIDERING
THE TRACKING
SYSTEM
SHOWS ZHEM
MOVING TRES FAST
ALA SONIC--

--THE REAL
MYSTERY IS WHY
ZHEY HAD YET
TO BE SIGHTED!
WHY ZHE
DELAY?

YOU SPOKE
TOO SOON,
COMMANDER!

THERE THEY ARE--
TEARING THROUGH
KNOTHOLE CENTER
ITSELF!

SO MUCH
FOR THE
JAMMING
FAIL-
SAFES!

WHAT
TH--?!!

BTWOOM!!



SONIC!

HOW DO I
EXPLAIN TO
HIM THAT
FATHER
MEANT
WELL?

AND
SHADOW!
BUT HOW--
?!



YOU!!!
WE NEED
THE DOG
--AND
FAST!!!



HAND HER OVER
TO MY MEDICS,
SON! WE'LL SEE
THAT THE LITTLE
MISS GETS REAL
GOOD CARE!



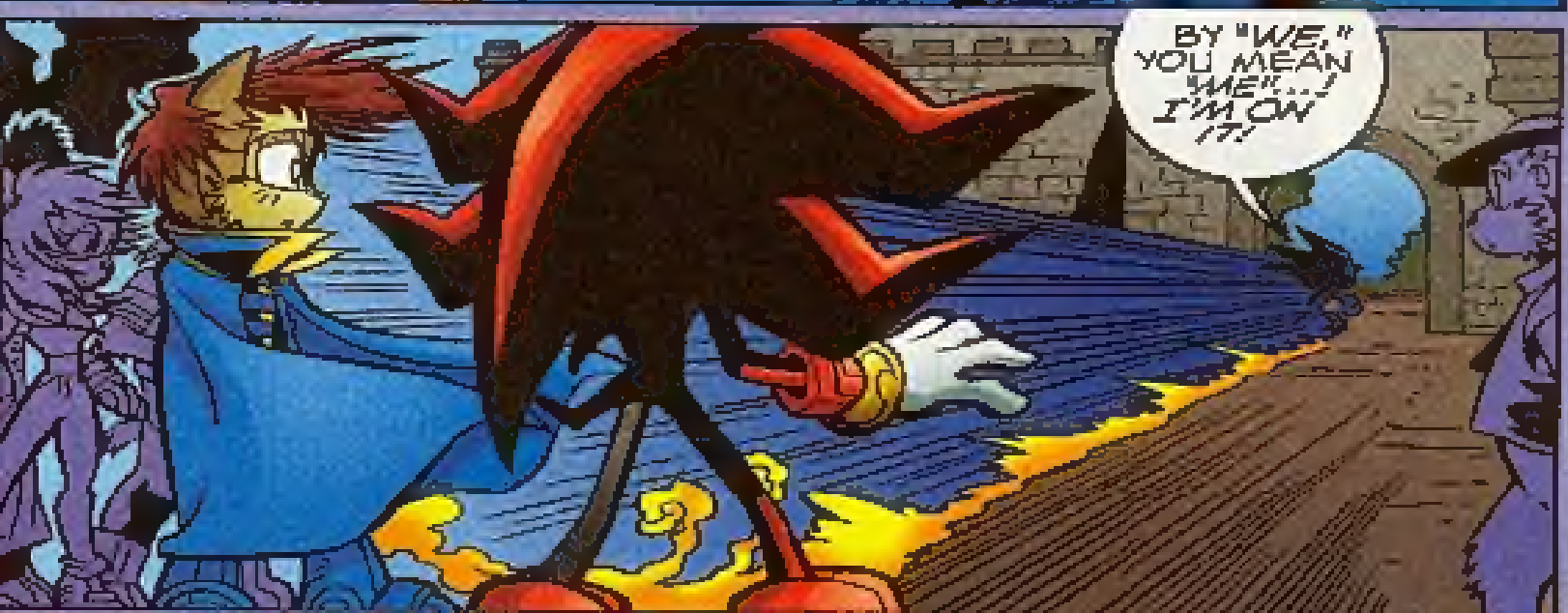
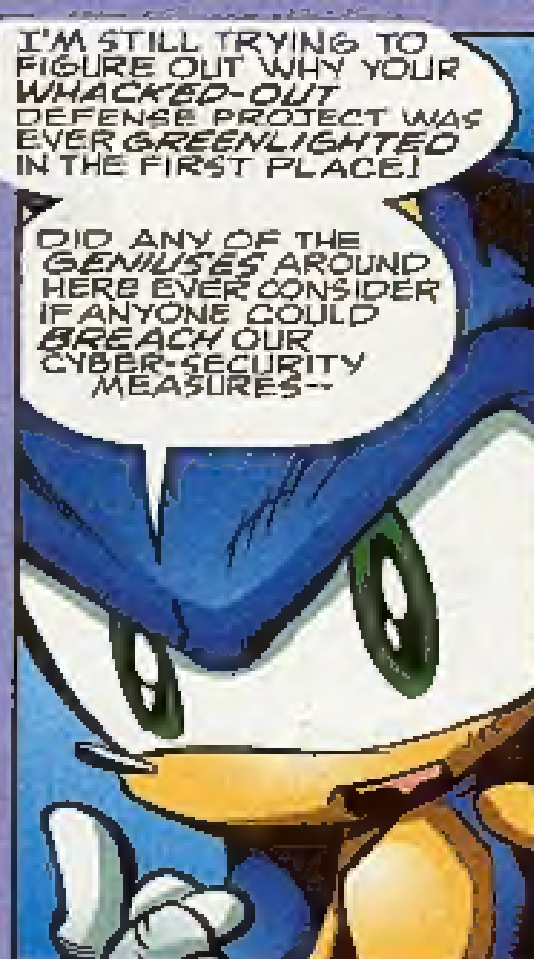
SEE THAT
SHE DOES,
DOCTOR--

QUACK...HORATIO
QUACK! PERSONAL
PHYSICIAN TO THE
KING HIMSELF, IF
THAT'S ANY
COMFORT!



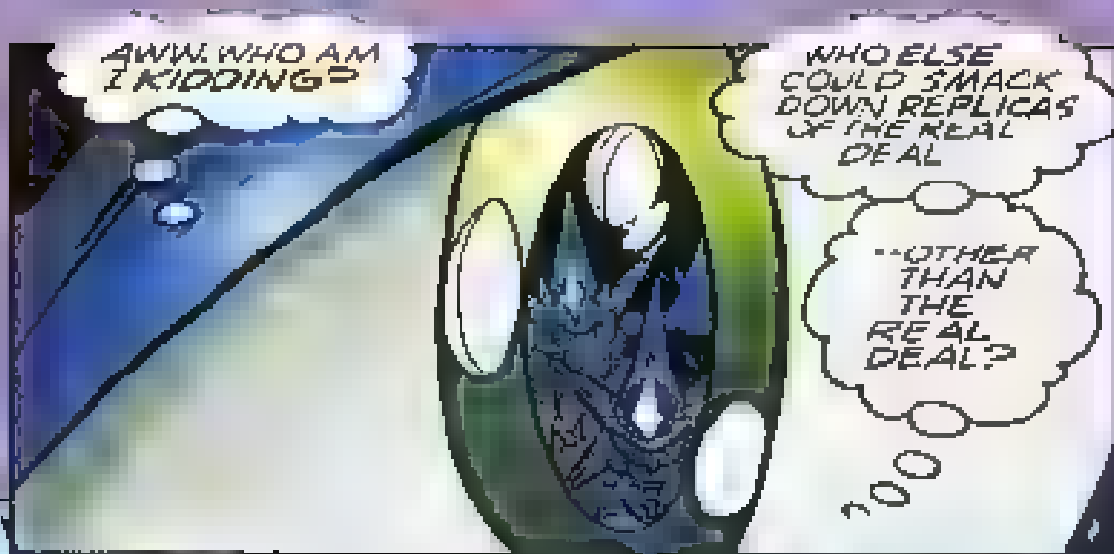
GOOD ENOUGH!
NOW WHAT?

THAT'S WHAT
I AIM TO
FIND OUT!





THIS HERO-JAZZ CAN BE A PAIN AT TIMES! JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME ONE ELSE LEAD THE CHARGE!

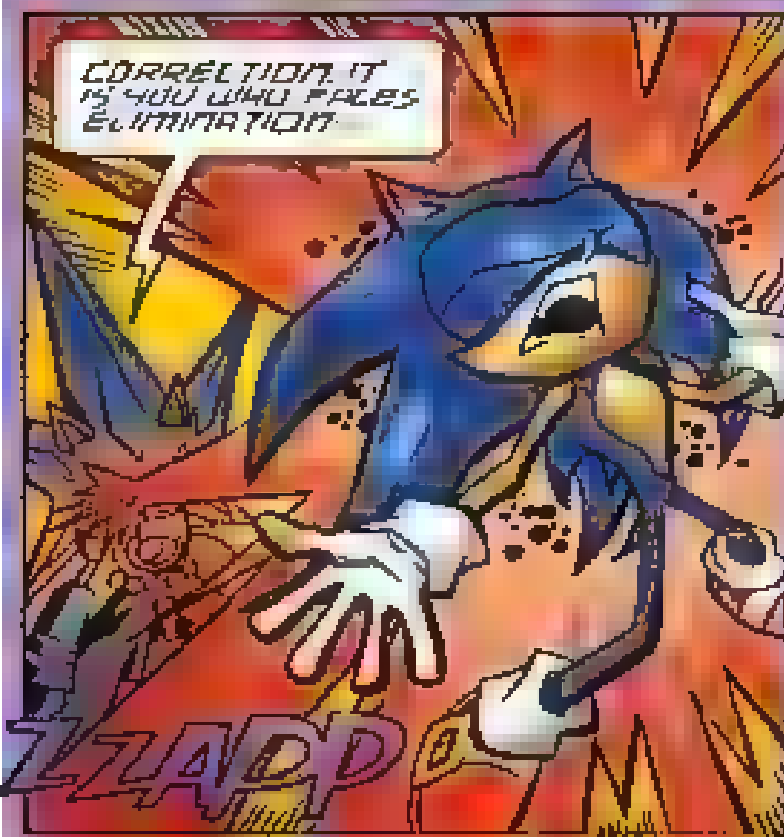


AWW, WHO AM I KIDDING?

WHO ELSE COULD SMACK DOWN REPLICAS OF THE REAL DEAL

...OTHER THAN THE REAL DEAL?

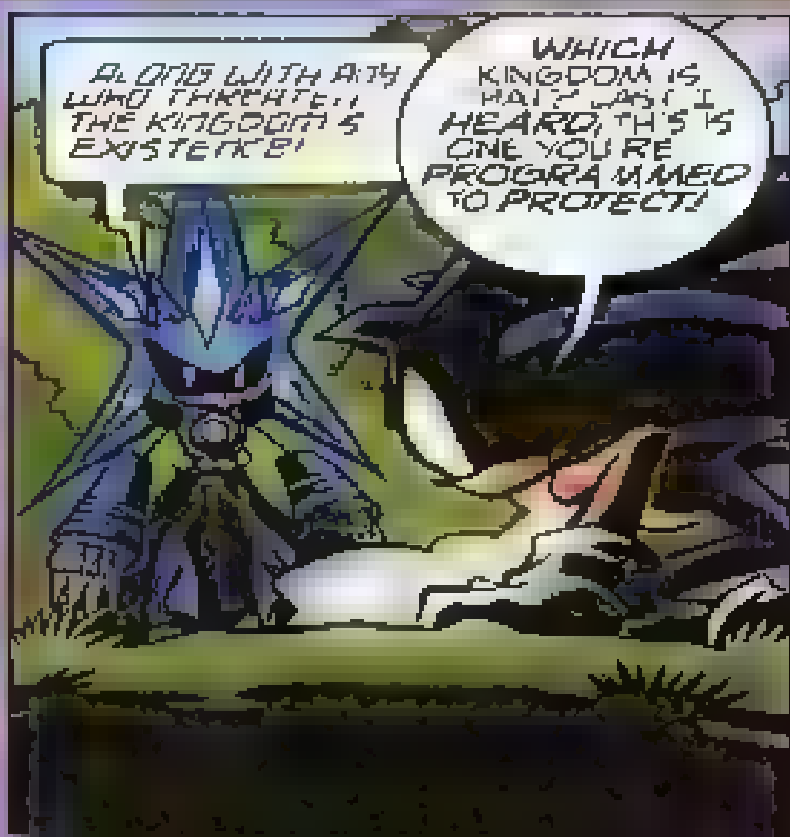
ONE BLUE BLUR COMING THROUGH!!!
40% SIMULATED-SONICS ARE GOING DOWN!



CORRELATION, IT IS YOU WHO FAILS ELIMINATION

ALONG WITH ANY WHO THREATEN THE KINGDOM'S EXISTENCE!

WHICH KINGDOM IS THAT? LAST I HEARD, THAT'S ONE YOU'RE PROGRAMMED TO PROTECT!

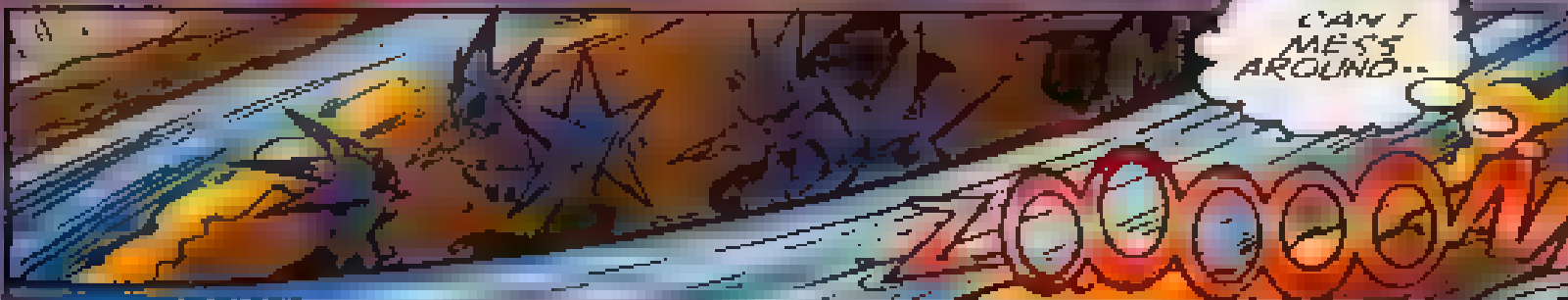




IMPOSSIBLE! OUR PROGRAMMING IS IMPERVIOUS TO INTERFERENCE!

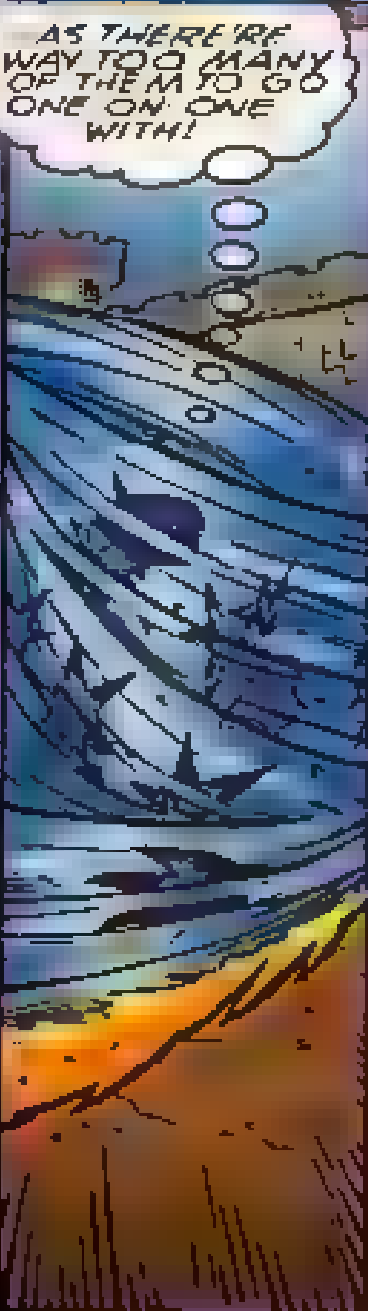
SAYS YOU

KLONG

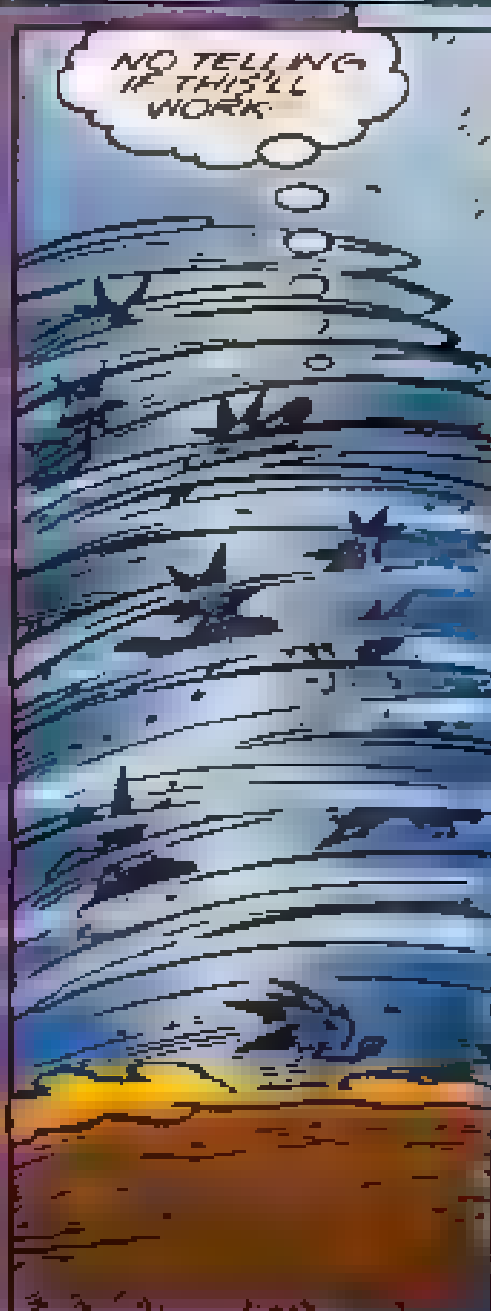


I CAN'T MESS AROUND..

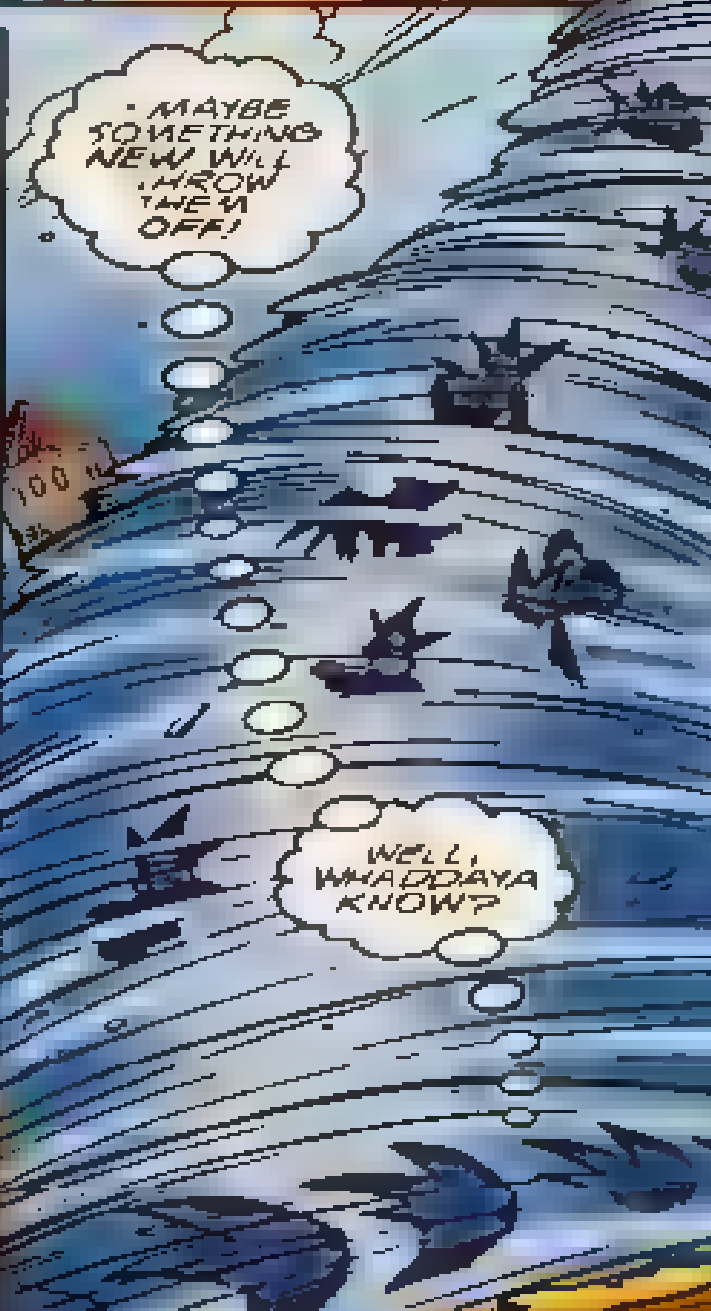
ZOOOOOOW



AS THERE'RE WAY TOO MANY OF THEM TO GO ONE ON ONE WITH!



NO TELLING IF THIS'LL WORK



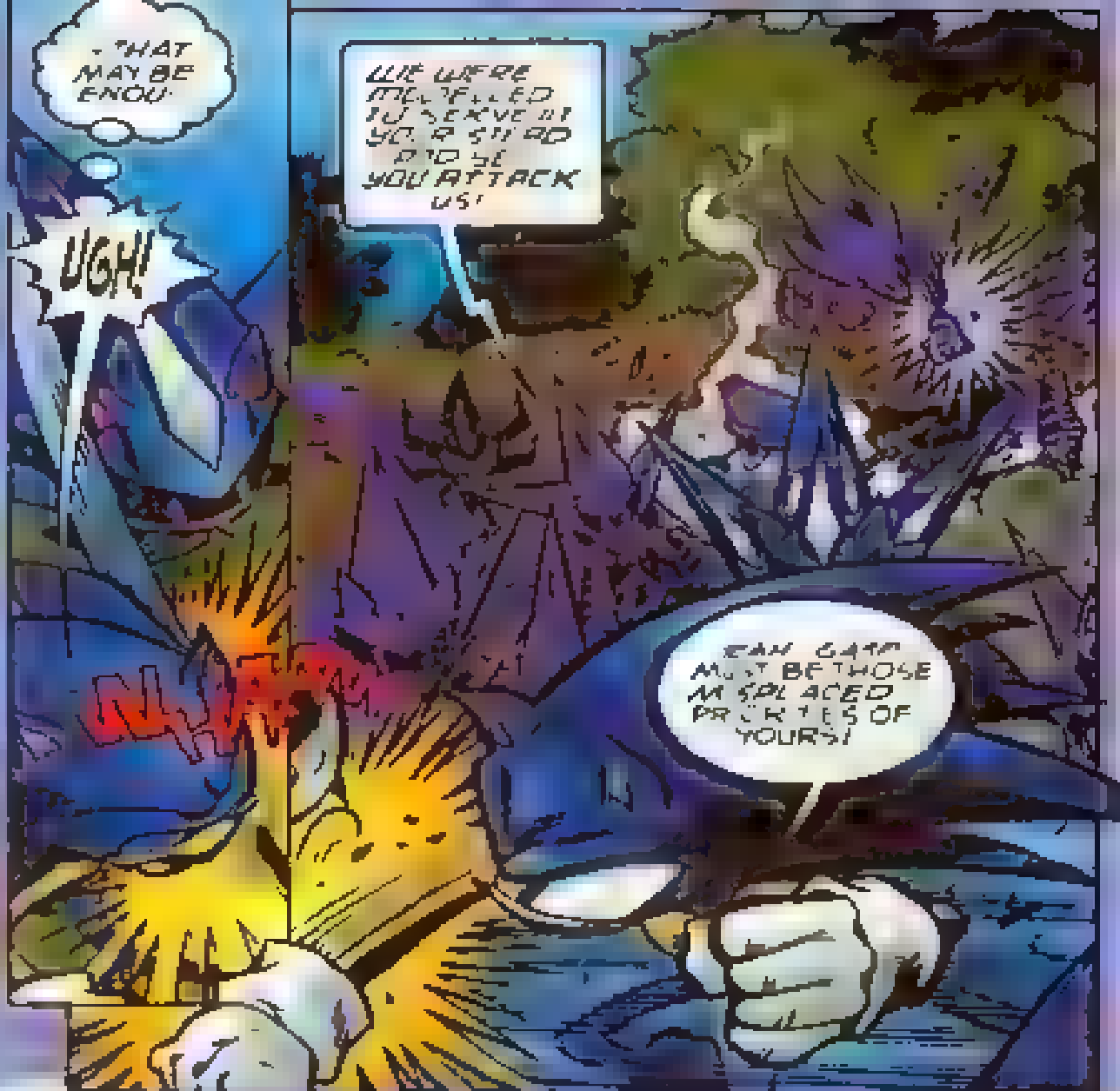
MAYBE SOMETHING NEW WILL THROW THEM OFF!

WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW?



IF THIS
SCRAMBLES
THEIR
LIFE IS
ENOUGH.

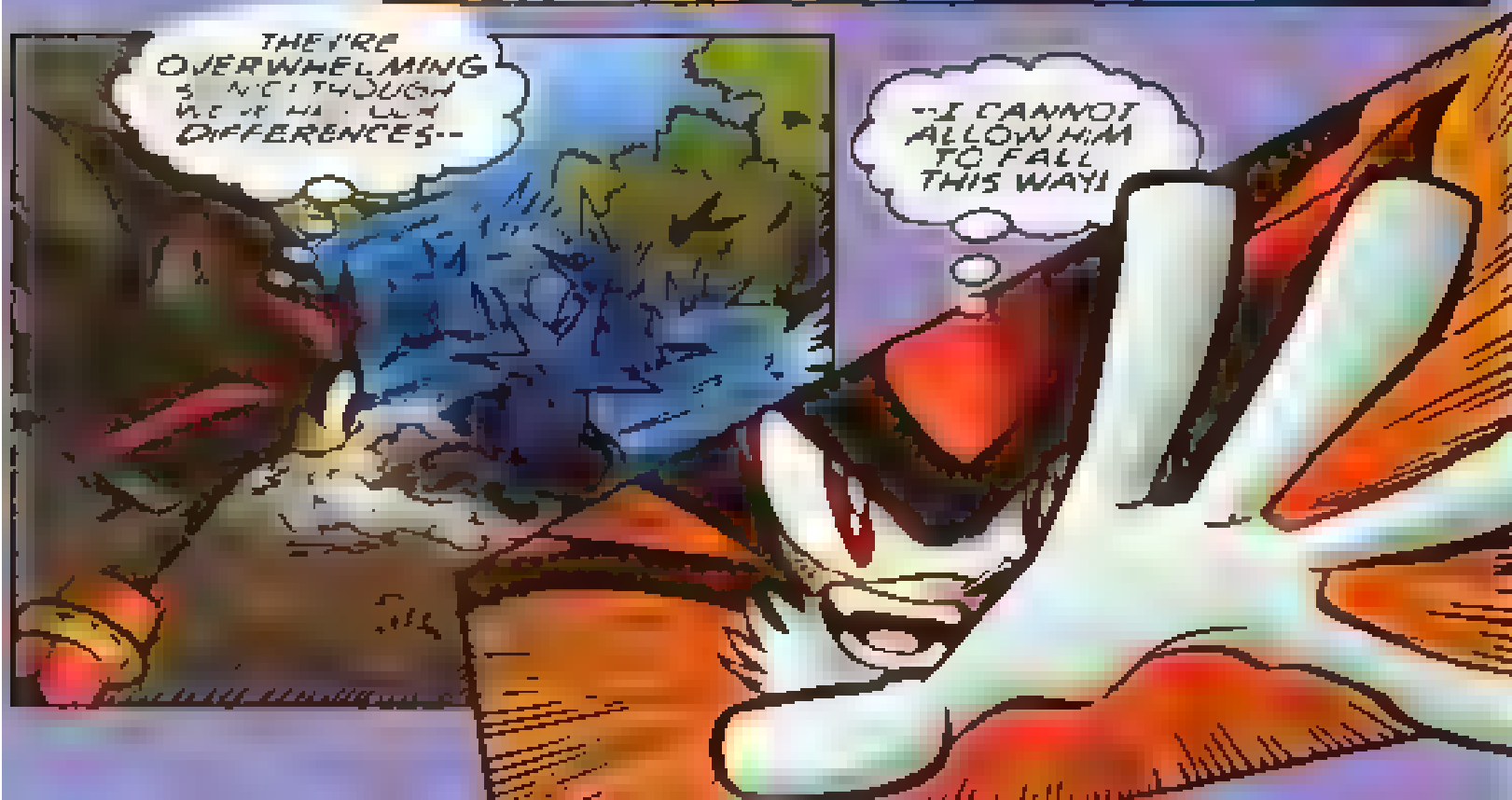
A ONE
V. IN
THE
FALL--



UGH!

WE WERE
MEANT
TO SERVE
AT
YOUR SIDE
AND WE
YOU ATTACK
US!

EAN GASP
MUST BE THOSE
MISPLACED
PRIDES OF
YOURS!



THEY'RE
OVERWHELMING
SINCE THOUGH
WE HAVE
DIFFERENCES--

--I CANNOT
ALLOW HIM
TO FALL
THIS WAY!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

ALL I DID WAS RAISE MY HAND -

AND NOW ALL ARE DEMOBILIZED!

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

CHAOS CONTROL?

AND YOU ARE?

KNUCKLES THE ECH DNA OF THE CHAOT X YOU DON'T NEED ANY INTRODUCTION, SHADOW.

YOU KNOW NOTHING OF CHAOS CONTROL KNUCKLES I REQUIRE A CHAOS EMERALD TO PERFORM THAT TECHNIQUE.

NOT IF YOU DREW THE POWER FROM THE CHAOS FORCE

BUT ONLY US GUARDIANS HAVE EVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL SOME OF THAT POWER

I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM FOR SURE!

CAN WE TURN DOWN THE VOLUME? OOH, MY HEAD..

FINISHED RESTING A BLUE HEDGEHOG?

SHUT UP, FAKER

YOU TWO KEEP
GOSSIPING
WE'RE OFF TO
SAVE THE
RAY!

THANKS FOR THE
SAVE SHADOW! I OWE
YOU NOTHING.

THEN
WE'RE
EVEN,
SONIC

I'M
READY,
ALREADY

OUR
CONQUERING
HERO
RETURNS!

HE HAS AGAIN
ACTED WITH
HONOR!

ISN'T SONIC
AMAZING?

NOBODY
WAY PAST
COOLER,
THAT'S
FOR
SURE.

MOM!
DAD!

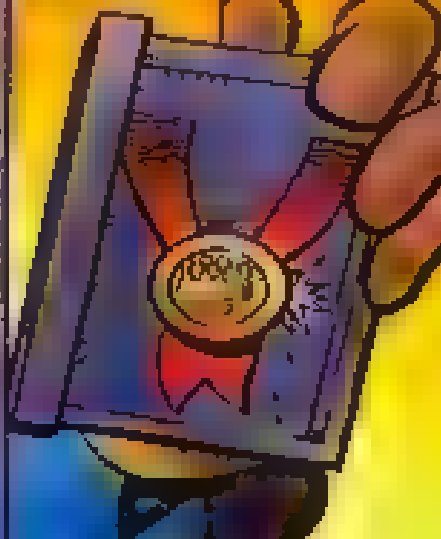
I'M SO
HAPPY
TO SEE
YOU
AGAIN,
HONEY!

SAME
HELLO
SON!

IF I MAY BE
PERMITTED
TO INTERRUPT,
I HAVE A FEW
WORDS TO SAY
ON BEHALF
OF THE
KINGDOM.

KING
ELIAS!
BUT OF
COURSE,
SIRE!

NOW THEN, SONIC,
ON BEHALF OF A
VERY GRATEFUL
KINGDOM--



I'D LIKE TO
AWARD YOU
OUR MEDAL OF
HONOR FOR
SERVICES
RENDERED ABOVE
AND BEYOND THE
CALL OF
DUTY!

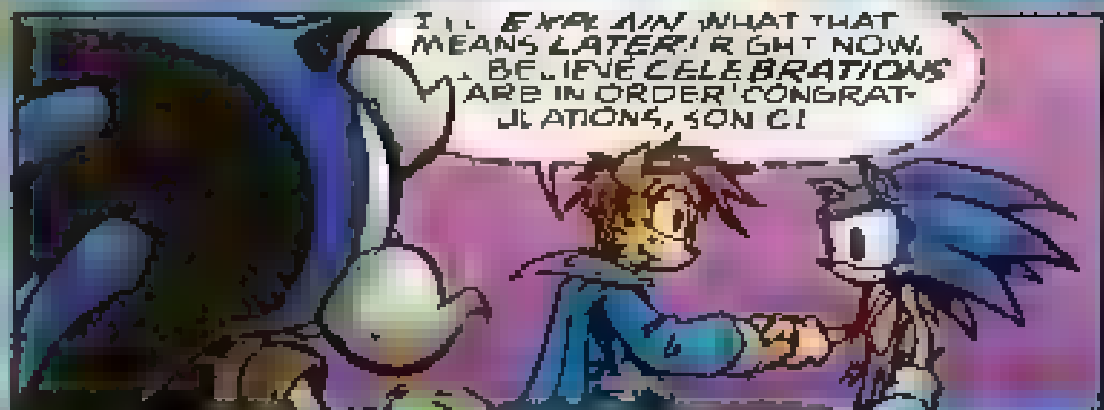


I COULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN
THEM ALL OUT,
YOUR HIGHNESS!
THERE MUST HAVE
BEEN AT LEAST -

NONSENSE! SR CHARLES'S VIDEO LOGS
HAVE A COMPLETE RECORD OF YOUR
ACTIONS! FURTHERMORE, YOU ARE NOW
HEREBY ASSIGNED THE RANK OF
GENTLEMAN-AT-ARMS ALONG
WITH ALL ITS ATTENDANT
OBLIGATIONS AND
PRIVILEGES!



I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT THAT
MEANS LATER! RIGHT NOW,
BELIEVE CELEBRATIONS
ARE IN ORDER! CONGRAT-
ULATIONS, SON C!



WELL I IVE NO
CLUE WHAT TO
SAY

I GUESS YOU
KNOW WHAT
THIS MEANS



DON'T
YOU
HON?

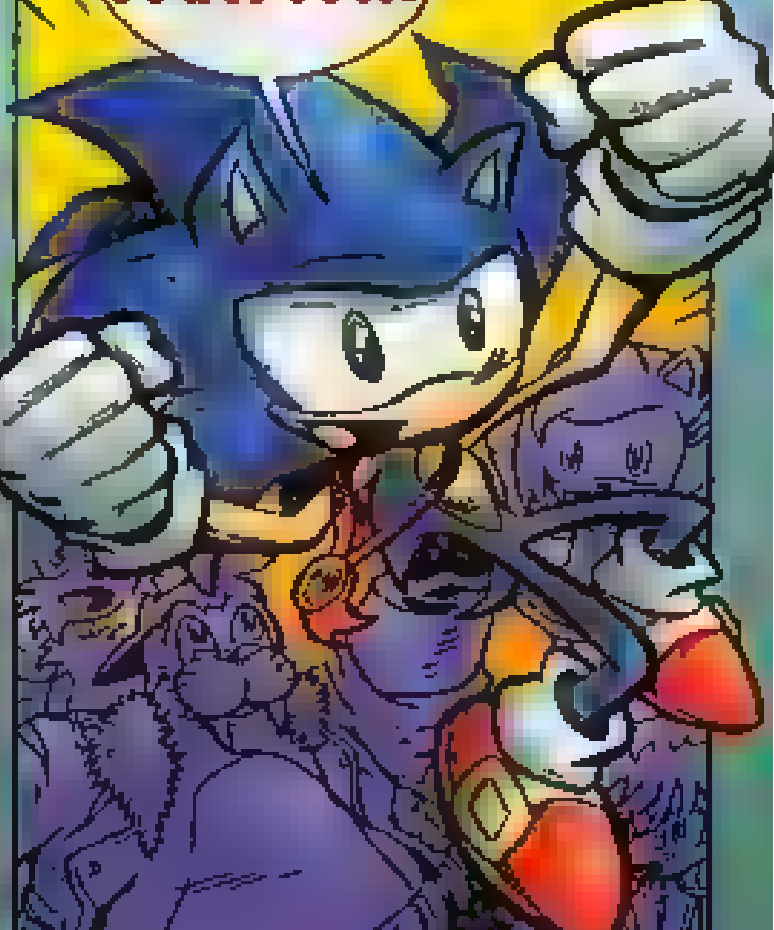
YES HARD
AS IT IS TO
ADMIT!

HE'S NOT OUR
LITTLE ONE
ANYMORE!

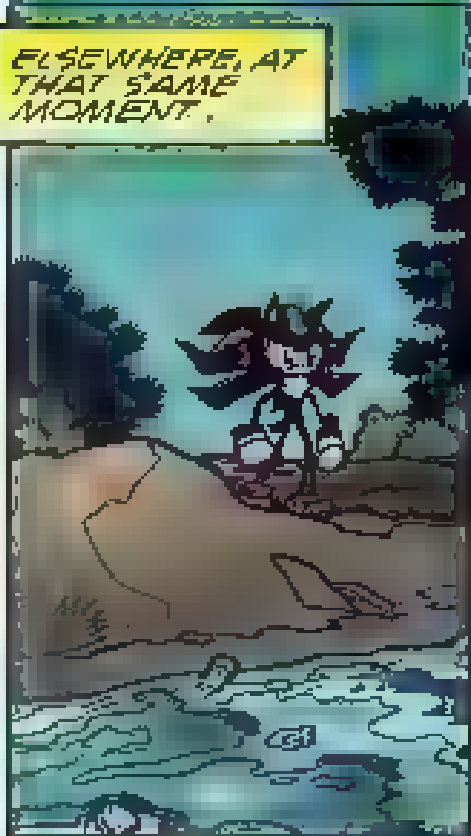
I KNOW!
HE'S OUR
LITTLE
ONE-AT-
ARMS



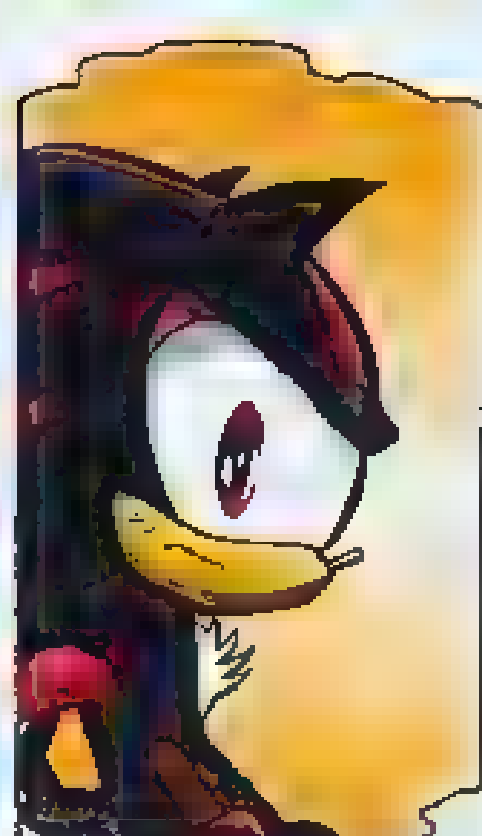
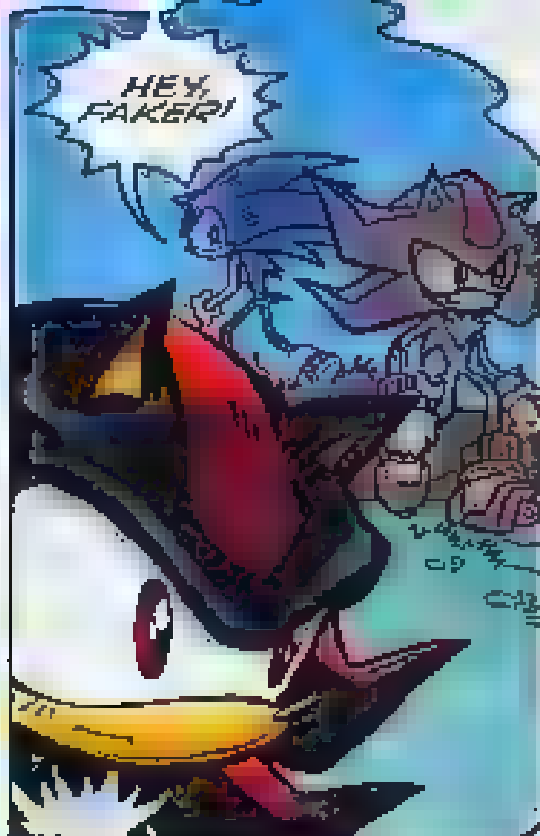
SO WHO WANTS TO
PARTY?!!!!



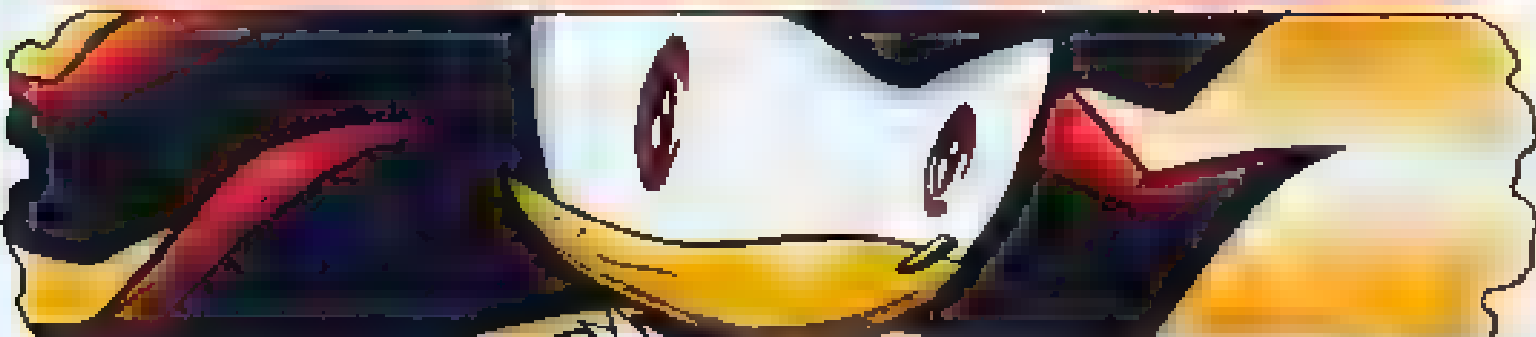
ELSEWHERE, AT
THAT SAME
MOMENT.



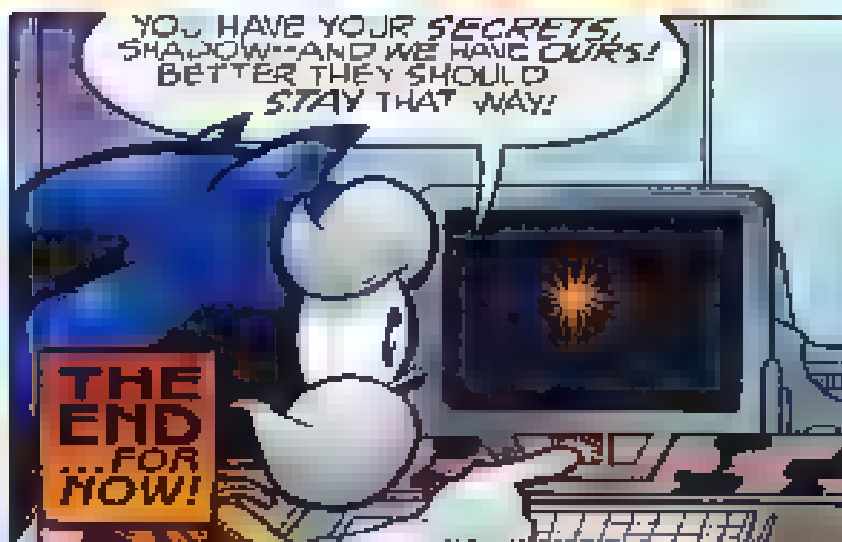
HEY,
FAKER!



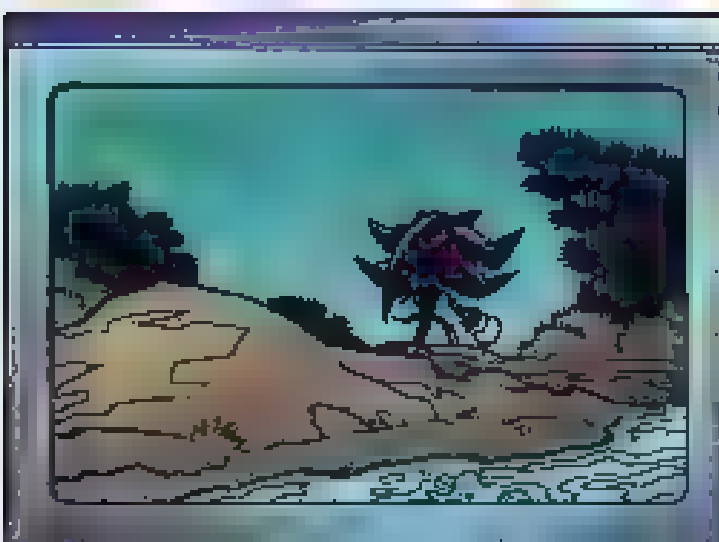
DON'T BE A
STRANGER!



YOU HAVE YOUR SECRETS,
SHADOW--AND WE HAVE OURS!
BETTER THEY SHOULD
STAY THAT WAY!



THE
END
FOR
NOW!





GOOD MORNING FATHER.

BAH! WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT T?

COME TO THINK OF IT, I CAN'T RECALL A GOOD MORNING WITHIN RECENT MEMORY!

YOUR RESEARCH CONTINUES AND YOUR LIEUTENANTS CONTINUE MAINTAINING YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE

MY LIEUTENANTS?!!

SNIVELING WORMS LOOKING TO STAB ME IN THE BACK AT THE FIRST CHANCE --

JUST LIKE THAT TREACHEROUS WEASEL SNIVELY!!

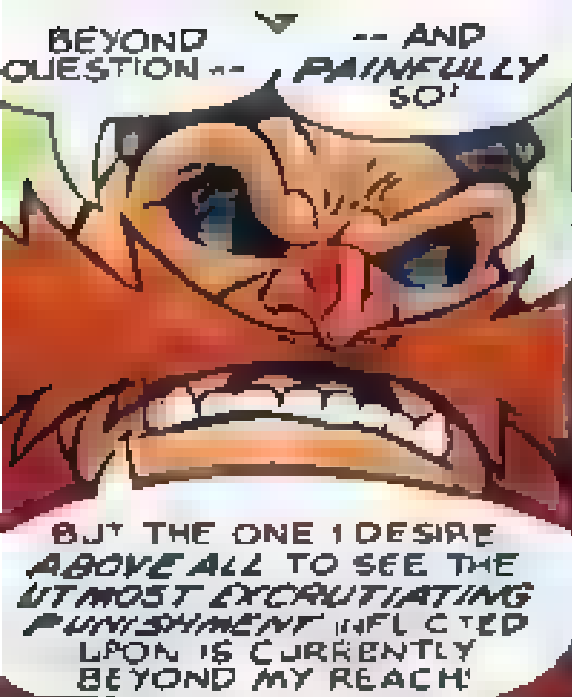
CAN YOU IMAGINE? BETRAYING ME TO MY WORST ENEMY IN ALL THE WORLD?!

THE DESPICABLE DR. ROBOTNIK INSIDIOUS

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WOULDN'T YOU AGREE THAT AN EXAMPLE SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUING LOYALTY OF THOSE STILL SERVING YOU?

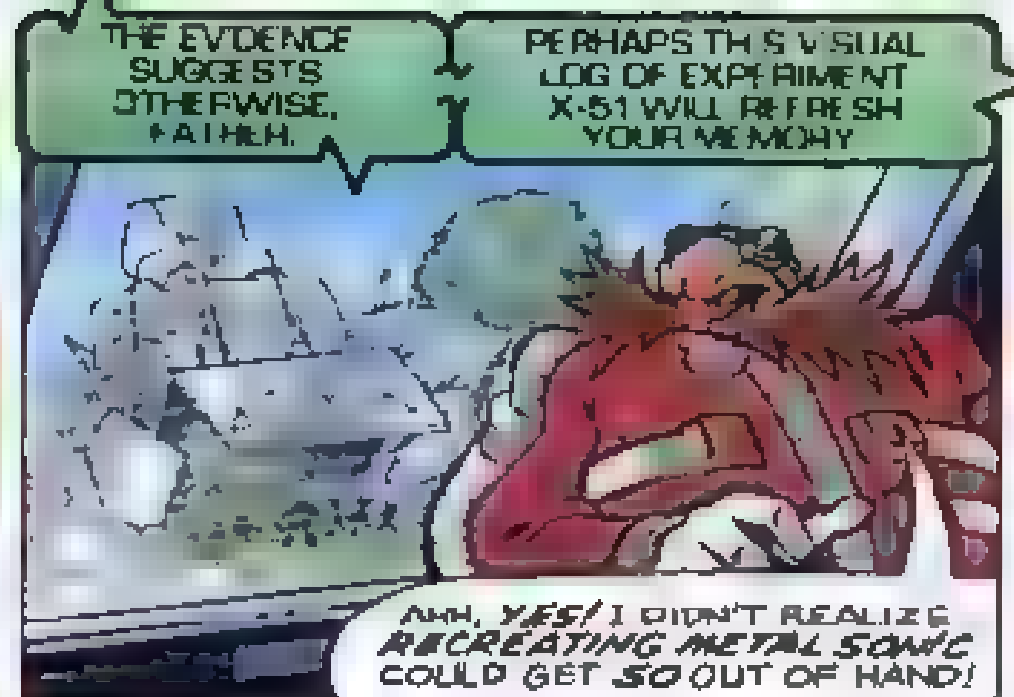




BEYOND QUESTION --

-- AND PAINFULLY SO!

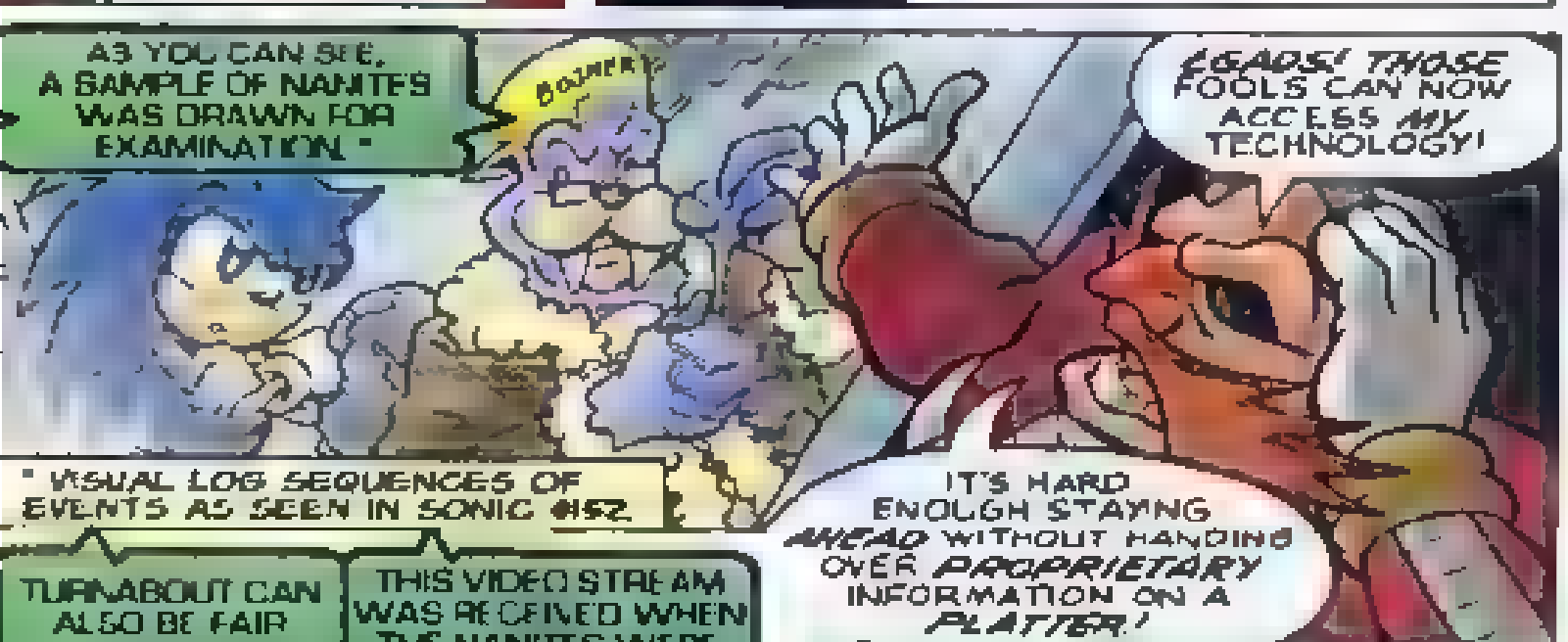
BUT THE ONE I DESIRE ABOVE ALL TO SEE THE MOST EXCRUCIATING PUNISHMENT INFLICTED UPON IS CURRENTLY BEYOND MY REACH!



THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS OTHERWISE, FATHER.

PERHAPS THIS VISUAL LOG OF EXPERIMENT X-51 WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY

AHH, YES! I DIDN'T REALIZE RECREATING METAL SONIC COULD GET SO OUT OF HAND!



AS YOU CAN SEE, A SAMPLE OF NANITES WAS DRAWN FOR EXAMINATION.

BOOMER

LEADS! THOSE FOOLS CAN NOW ACCESS MY TECHNOLOGY!

* VISUAL LOG SEQUENCES OF EVENTS AS SEEN IN SONIC #152

TURNABOUT CAN ALSO BE FAIR PLAY, EVEN WHEN UNINTENTIONAL

THIS VIDEO STREAM WAS RECEIVED WHEN THE NANITES WERE TRANSMITTING TO THEIR OWN KIND ELSEWHERE

IT'S HARD ENOUGH STAYING AHEAD WITHOUT HANDING OVER PROPRIETARY INFORMATION ON A PLATTER!



AFFIRMATIVE

NOT EVEN A RADICAL CHANGE OF ENVIRONMENT COULD DISRUPT THE SIGNAL



YOU MEAN THEY COMMUNICATE AMONGST EACH OTHER DESPITE WHATEVER DISTANCE OF SEPARATION?

FREEZE FRAME! THE AERIAL ACROBATICS!

SINCE WHEN COULD NANITES DEFY GRAVITY?

JET ENGINES ARE BUT ONE OUT OF AN INFINITE NUMBER OF CONFIGURATIONS THE NANITES ARE CAPABLE OF.

AFFIRMATIVE.

NOW SWITCHING TO REAL-TIME TRANSMISSION.

SO THE *SAMPLE ROTOR EXTRACTED* IS NOW LINKED TO THE TURTLE *SYMBIOTICALLY*?

A CORRIDOR!!

WHY ON MOBIUS WOULD I BE INTERESTED IN THAT?!!

IT'S WHERE THE CORRIDOR LEADS TO THAT MAY INTEREST YOU.

JUST PRESS YOUR PALM DOWN ON THE *SCANNER* HERE WHILE LOOKING STRAIGHT AHEAD INTO THE CAMERA IN FRONT OF YOU, TOMMY!

AUDIO ON.

SIR CHARLES AND HIS BROTHER JULES!

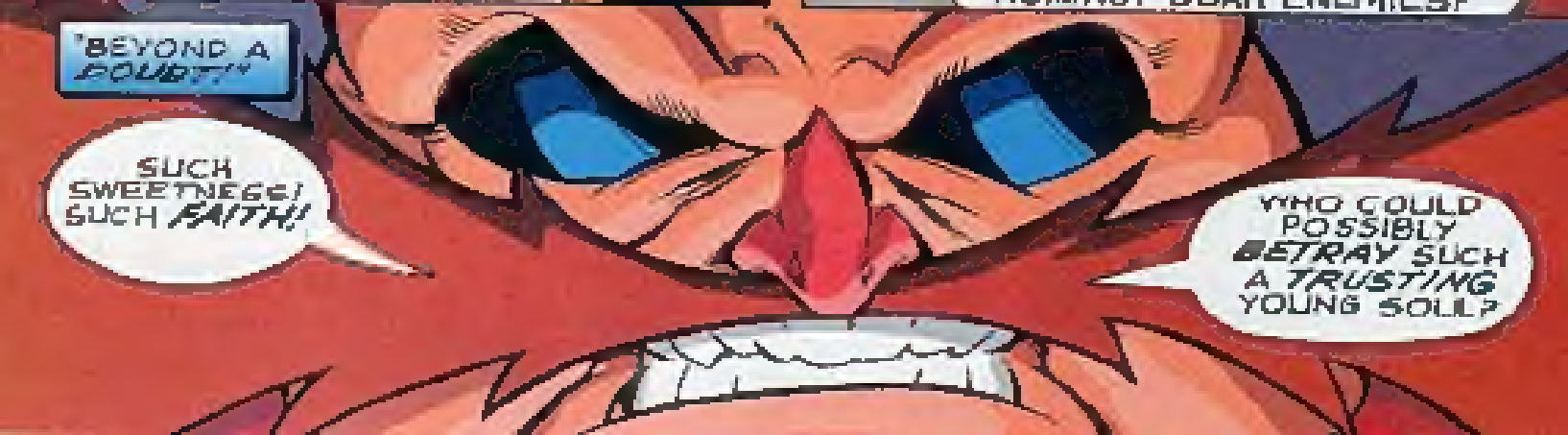
WHAT COULD THEY BE UP TO? CAN WE GET *SOUND*?

"WHAT JUST HAPPENED, A.D.A.M.? I DON'T UNDERSTAND."

"THE COMPUTER CONSOLE BEING A NATURAL SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS ENABLING THE NANITES TO MULTIPLY AND GROW."

"I TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL, FATHER, TRIGGERING A GROWTH SPURT IN THE NANITES."

"BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE?"



THEN SHE IS NOT TO BE INFILTRATED?

ON THE
CONTRARY,
A.D.A.M.!

SHE'LL MAKE A
WONDERFUL AGENT
WHEN THE TIME IS
RIGHT! SEE TO IT!

THIS IS ALMOST
TOO EASY! LIKE
TAKING CANDY
FROM SNIVELY!

YOU'RE CERTAIN
WE'RE NOT
DEPLETING OUR
SUPPLY OF
NANITES?

NEGATIVE. THE MICROCHIPS
AND ELECTRICAL CHARGES FROM
THE MAIN CONSOLE PROVIDE
MORE THAN ENOUGH
SUSTENANCE FOR THE NANITES.

OF ALL THE
CRONIES -- !!

IF YOU MESSED
THIS ONE UP,
A.D.A.M., I'LL
REPROGRAM YOU
INTO A STEM BOLT
REPLICATOR!

WAIT! THE RAB-BOT
SEEMS TO BE GETTING
WOZZY! THIS COULD BE
A PROBLEM!

DON'T WORRY,
SIR CHARLES!
I'LL BE ALL
RIGHT!

WHO SAYS ALL
NEWS IS BAD
NEWS?

I CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE WHO'S
UP NEXT!

NOW WE'RE
TALKING!!!

BY THE TIME I'M
DONE WITH HIM, IT'LL
GIVE NEW MEANING TO
THE WORD "TWISTED"!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE HEDGEHOG IS ORGANIC AND NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE NANITES--

D'OH!

THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE NANITES ON THAT BLASTED TURTLE?

-- WHEREAS THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE SHELL IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE NANITES.

AS THE HEDGEHOG OFFERED NO SUCH COMPATIBILITY, OUR NEXT SUBJECT MORE THAN MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED STANDARDS.

NO KIDDING!

THE PRINCESS RELIES HEAVILY ON THAT PORTABLE MAINFRAME!

DON'T SPARE THE LITTLE BUGGERS ON THIS ONE, A.D.A.M.!

*YES! EXCELLENT, A.D.A.M.!

THE PLAN IS PERFECT! FINALLY...

I'M BACK IN BUSINESS!!!

I'LL NOW KNOW EVERYTHING THEY DO AND SAY --

-- AND WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT IT, THAT'S THE TIME I'LL STRIKE!

HAHAHAHAHA